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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please do not approve the US Telecom petition.

Protect the local, smaller broadband providers from being squeezed out by the giants like AT&T.

That will be protecting the public as well.

These days practically every household relies on access to the internet, whether for business, entertainment, or education.

For my part, I work entirely from home. For years, I've subscribed to a local service for both internet and land-line phone service. I depend on these services in order to make a living.

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